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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MACHEL DISMISSES GOVERNOR OF MAPUTO

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 843

1. NEWS MEDIA CARRIED COMMUNIQUE FROM PRESIDENCY DATED AUGUST 11
ANNOUNCING DISMISSAL OF PEDRO JUMA, GOVERNOR OF MAPUTO
EX-LOURENCO MARQUES) PROVINCE, FOR "SUCCUMBING TO VICES AND
CORRUPTION...THROUGH IMMORAL BEHAVIOR, ALCOHOLISM, LIBERALISM,
AND INDISCIPLINE..." ALTHOUGH DISMISSED FROM HIS PRESENT
POSITION, COMMUNIQUE STATES JUMA WILL BE GIVEN TASKS "TO PERMIT
HIM TO RECOVER TRUE MEANING OF BEING MILITANT AND TO RETURN
TO SERVE THE PEOPLE."

2. COMMUNIQUE PUTS JUMA CASE IN BROADER CONTEXT OF THE "ENEMY,
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CONSCIOUS OF HIS MILITARY DEFEAT AND INABILITY TO DEFEAT

FRELIMO DIRECTLY, SEEKING TO PERSUADE FRELIMO MEMBERS TO ADOPT HIS WAY OF LIFE..." IN CONTRAST WITH LIBERATED ZONES, "WHERE MENTALITIES ARE FREE FROM AMBITION AND CORRUPTION", FRELIMO MUST NOW OPERATE IN "ZONES OCCUPIED BY THE ENEMY...WHERE HIS VALUES AND TASTES ARE FIRMLY IMPLANTED".

3. COMMENT: JUMA, MEMBER OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE, IS HIGHEST RANKING FRELIMO OFFICIAL TO BE PUBLICLY DISGRACED TO DATE. PURGE OF JUMA, WHO HAS EXCELLENT RECORD AS GUERRILLA FIGHTER AND LEADER DURING LIBERATION STRUGGLE, MAY BE DESIGNED TO DISCOURAGE DEVIATIONS FROM FRELIMO LINE BY OTHER IMPORTANT FRELIMO LEADERS.

AS IN CASE OF FPLM (SEE REFTTEL), GPRM COMMUNIQUE IS REMARKABLY FREE OF RANCOR TOWARD WAYWARD MILITANTS, STRESSING REHABILITATION. NONETHELESS, IN PRACTICE, GPRM INFRINGEMENT OF CIVIL LIBERTIES OF NORMAL CITIZENS AND REPORTED "REHABILITATION" OF POLITICAL OPPOSITION IN AGRICULTURAL LABOR CAMPS SUGGEST ITS PUBLIC POSTURE MAY NOT BE TOTALLY GENUINE. WE STILL HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THE ACTUAL FATE OF RECENTLY PURGED FRELIMO MEMBERS.

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